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10/082,417IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 13, line 12 of the Specification as shown below. Note that the Examiner has specified that the correction should be on line 12, page 12 of the Specification. However, Applicants found the error on line 12, page 13 of Applicants' copy. Accordingly, line 12, page 13 has been amended. Nonetheless, if there is a discrepancy between Applicants' copy of the Specification and the Examiner's copy such that the omitted word is on line 12, page 12 of the Examiner's copy while it is on line 12, page 13 of the Applicants' copy, Applicants respectfully request that the correction be made on the appropriate page.

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Fig. 8 illustrates a flow chart of a process that may be used by a receiving partition. The process starts as soon as the receiving partition receives the pointer to a buffer containing data from the firmware (steps 800 and 802). A check is then made to ascertain that the buffer containing the data is a "read-only" buffer. If so, the receiving partition uses the data. Once done, the receiving partition informs the firmware or hardware. The firmware or hardware then assigns the memory locations containing the data back to the transmitting partition and the process ends (steps 804, 806, 808 and 814).

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